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Registered Environmental Assessors and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities



Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Program

Household hazardous waste (HHW) collection activities and facilities are subject to a variety of State and local environmental laws and regulations. In meeting these environmental requirements, local agencies often rely either on their own staff or contract with consultants or other agencies for assistance.

But did you know that REAs can help local Household Hazardous Waste programs with many environmental compliance requirements?

REAs are environmental professionals determined by the State of California to have the academic training, occupational experience, and professional reputation necessary for registration as environmental assessors qualified to objectively conduct one or more aspects of environmental assessment and site cleanup activities.

Class I REAs, known as REA Is, conduct environmental assessments, develop waste reduction plans, and supervise certain site cleanup activities. Among other things, REA Is can help HHW programs prepare the Phase I environmental assessments required for Permanent HHW collection facilities authorized under Permit-by-Rule. REA Is can also assist HHW programs with pollution prevention, Unified Program hazardous materials and hazardous substance reporting requirements, or universal waste management. Class II REAs, known as REA IIs, can conduct the work of REA Is and are experienced project managers qualified to direct cleanup activities at certain private sites, brownfields, or environmental restoration and reuse properties.

Local agencies operating HHW programs can contract with qualified REAs for assistance with environmental compliance requirements, assessments, or reports. They can also support their own staff in becoming REAs and benefit from registration of staff performing work on behalf of their agency. For more information on how REAs can help HHW facilities, or how you can become an REA, contact:

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For program information and an online registry of individuals possessing current REA registration, please visit the REA Program webpage at www.dtsc.ca.gov/rea.

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protect and enhance
the environment,
to ensure
public health,
environmental
quality and
economic vitality,
by regulating
hazardous waste,
conducting and
overseeing
cleanups, and
developing
and promoting
pollution prevention.*

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